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ACETAMINOPHEN

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed September 15, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, in the title, please add the word --PARTICLES -- after the word "ACETAMINOPHEN"

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

The extended release acetaminopher 10. (Amended) composition according to claim 1 wherein said discrete particles [beads] comprise an acetaminophen particles coated with each of )2/17/2000 SARAYA